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Crane Building Open for Business

Take Care of Them

The annual fund-raising campaign of the American Red Cross, has received its most eloquent slogan in a simple statement from Douglas MacArthur:

"Take care of them."

The man who led American soldiers, sailors and marines through blood and agony to victory over Japan was thinking of the tens of thousands of wounded still in hospitals; of the home-sick men still overseas; of the millions of discharged men and women who need aid in problems of adjustment to civil life.

The Red Cross will remain at their side, in clubs and canteens overseas; in hospital programs of education and recreation; in counseling and other personal aid for discharged veterans and their families.

The National goal of this year's appeal, 100 million dollars, is modest when considered in relation to the vast and varied field of Red Cross service. In addition to the programs for veterans, the Red Cross is saving lives and bolstering morale among civilian populations in war - devastated areas around the world, and maintaining long-established domestic services.

Populous, generous California is expected to take the lead, as she always has, in raising the quota assigned to seven Western States and Alaska—$14,338,700.

General MacArthur's plea will not be in vain.

Prize Winners in Soaring Contest

Thousands of people attended the Glider Meet which was held at Violet Dry Lake last weekend. There were sixteen entries in the contests and a complimentary prize of $5.00 was awarded for each entry. There were 3 cash prizes given for each of the events but unfortunately at the time the paper went to press we had only a record of the first prize winners.

Paul Tuntland who arranged the event was called to Los Angeles on account of a motor accident in which his parents were injured and he took the data with him. Mr. Putnam, of K field, was able to furnish only the names of those who carried off the first prizes.

Johnny Robinson of Monrovia, won both the Duration and Spot landing honors. He kept his plane in the air 4 hours and 1 minute and landed within 11½ inches of the designated spot.

Altitude winner was Henry Myers who reached over 6000 feet.

Herman Stiglemier won first prize for Spot Bombing.

Other contestants were: Bob Blaine who has a 2 place Pratt Read glider which he towed from "Rancho Barnes" on Saturday. He was accompanied by Rheule Reitze, sales manager for Nelson Aircraft.

Ray Plozay and Dick Lyon owners of a Schweizer glider, Bob Shairer and Russ Brown and Johnny Clark, co-owners of a Laiser Kaufman which has made 300 flights in Southern California. All three of these pilots are Project Engineers with Douglas Aircraft.

Robert Thomas, former Marine pilot who towed his Laiser Kaufman from Fort Worth, Texas; Harold Hueber and Sid Barnett who are with Northrup Gliding Club, Glendale, California; Dave Page and Bill Tranter, owners of "Baby Albatros"; Roger Amunsen and Walter Ballard and Norman Tiegon from Phoenix, Arizona.

Dave Boone, who made his first extended flight Saturday (45 minutes) and Max Breitenbach, both members of the Southern California Glider Club. Max is engineer at Consolidated Vultee, San Diego, California. Frank Wolcott, Bud Kimble and Don Downey, all from Glendale, California.

Art Russu, Los Angeles and Walter White, Pasadena, California.

Ed Muller from Lancaster was official tow pilot.

Ted Nelson, President; Wm. Hawley Bowlus, vice-president and designer of the "Bumble Bee"; Rheule Reitze, sales manager, and Bob Blaine, advertising manager, all from Nelson Aircraft were present when their "Bumble Bee" was shown for the first time here.

U. of R. Offers Night Courses

The University of Redlands will offer a night school course for the Spring semester on "Mining Geology and Modern Methods of Prospecting." The first meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. The class will be three hours in length, consisting of a one hour lecture followed by a two hour laboratory period, and will meet one night a week. The time may be changed to some other night depending upon the convenience of those registering for the course.

The material covered will be simplified mineralogy and geology and also a survey of the modern prospecting methods based on accurate physical measurements (known as applied geophysics). This last consists of magnetic, gravimetric, electrical, and seismic prospecting, which have had a good deal of success in the location of metallic and oil deposits. An effort will be made to keep the class on a non-technical level, and it should be understood that the only prerequisite is a high school education or its equivalent in business experience.

The main object of this class is to acquaint people with the mineral wealth of San Bernardino County in the attempt to encourage the development of new mining activities. It is designed, however, also for those who are concerned with locating and exploiting properties anywhere that contain mineral deposits of economic value.

Those desiring it may obtain university credit consisting of two units.

The course will be under the direction of Dr. Stephen Winchester Dana.

The County Chamber of Commerce San Bernardino, California, have encouraged and are endorsing this course, for they believe it will be a practical way to assist in developing one of the county's most important industries.

All kinds of Building Supplies, including Lumber — Cement — Stuccos — Roofing — Plumbing and Electrical Supplies available now

While the Crane Building Supplies Company has not come out with an official announcement of their "Grand Opening," the new store has had an "open sign" displayed for the past couple of weeks and they have been carrying on business.

According to Mrs. Crane they have been having the usual difficulty in getting the stock they would like to have and for that reason have hesitated to make any celebration out of the opening.

On paying a visit to the store one day last week we were amazed to see the vast amount of stock they were carrying and if that indicates shortage we are wondering what will happen when they really stock up.

Bin after bin, and shelf after shelf, seems to be loaded with all sorts of hardware and plumbing supplies. Counters are in, and center tables filled with merchandise.

The building itself is something to be proud of. We feel sure it will attract customers from the entire valley. It still lacks the big plate glass show window and at present the space is boarded over and bears the temporary sign "open." This explains why one gets such a surprise when they enter and see a store room fitted out as if business had been going on for months.

Mr. Crane spent last week shopping for extra supplies. They have two large warehouses in the rear of the building, one for cement and the other for lumber.

The Cranes have not built for today only but have looked ahead and anticipated the rapid growth of the community. Their new store equals any store of its kind in the larger cities and should be adequate to supply the valley for many years to come.

James W. Stocker In Race for Sheriff

James W. Stocker has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of San Bernardino County in the coming Primary election to be held June 4, 1946.

Mr. Stocker was born in San Bernardino County and has had 12 years experience as a law enforcement officer. He is married and has three children and is one of our war veterans. At present he is in the cattle business.

If elected Mr. Stocker promises impartial enforcement of all laws, regardless of race, religion, or political views.

Bob Nale Attends Veteran's Club Meeting

Bob Nale, local District Manager of California Electric Power Co., has returned from a revival of the annual meeting plan for key officials and other employees of the California Electric Power Company and Interstate Telegraph Company, held on February 22, in Riverside, including an all-day business session and an annual gathering in the evening of more than 200 members of the Veterans' Club, made up of employees who have served one of these companies for 15 years or more.

Mr. Nale reports that an important feature of the session was a review of all of the different divisions and districts of the affiliated companies in Arizona, Nevada, California, and Lower California, Mexico, indicating a substantial increase in business done and many proposed extensions and establishment of new services, as fast as sufficiet materials may be obtained to take care of them.

Among old and new officers who spoke was A. B. West, former president, who is still acting in an advisory capacity, who reviewed the pioneering done by the power company, when it built the longest hydroelectric line ever built up to that time, 40 years ago, from Bishop Creek, California, to Tonopah and Goldfield, Nevada.

F. O. Dolson, former senior vice-president, also now acting in an advisory caapcity; Albert Cage, recently elected president; and C. C. Ernst, new vice-president and general manager, were prominent speakers.

J. E. Collins, vice-president in charge of the ice division of California Electric; Willard G. Wade, manager of the Interstate Telegraph company and Loyd Loudon, vice-president an dgeneral manager of the Industrial Electricia Mexicana, reported for their respective organizations.

"Now that the war is over," said Mr. Nale, "It will be possible to hold these meetings each year and bring all employees more closely in touch with the system that covers such a large area in these states and serves such a wide variety of industries."

Mr. Ford's Gamble

If one of California's picturesque, frock-coated gamblers of the days of '49 could have heard Henry Ford II outline a "very big gamble" he proposes to take, he would have nodded in shrewd approval.

Speaking before San Francisco's Commonwealth Club, Ford declared his company expects to lose money on every vehicle produced this year —yet intends to go ahead and produce to the limit as its contribution to the National war against inflation.

"On the subject of losses," he said, "I would like to note that we could not take these chances if the Ford Motor Company had not been building up reserves to finance itself in moments of emergency. It has become somewhat unfashionable to speak of making profits, as if it were an un-American notion. But only out of profits can any established business get the funds for research for better things and better ways of doing business. Only out of profits can come higher wages, improved working conditions and new opportunities for employers."

The old gambler might have shuddered at the reference to working. But "building up reserves" —that's the idea he'd have approved! Gamblers say you can't play and win with "scared money." Money is "scared," in gamblers' parlance, when a gambler's roll is so small he doesn't dare take chances on losing a few hands. He becomes irresolute—his nerve fails him—he's through.

Because the Ford Motor Company's money isn't "scared", Henry Ford II isn't afraid to take a big chance. And that is good news for Americans who want new autos as much as they do not want inflation!

PLANT YOUR GARDENS NEXT WEEK

If you are thinking of doing any gardening next week the best planting and transplanting days are Sunday-Monday, March 3-4.

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The Law of Growth

This is the 26th issue of the JOSHUA JOURNAL and, although it was created primarily to give the news of Joshua Tree and the neighboring towns of 29 Palms, Yucca Valley and Morongo, the number of out-of-town and out-of-state subscribers is astonishing.

It was agreed and understood from the beginning that the JOSHUA JOURNAL would not deal in politics nor unwholesome propaganda nor at any time has it sought to emulate a metropolitan newspaper.

The world at the present time is in a more or less chaotic condition which is naturally to be expected after a war such as the world has just experienced. The ending of the war changed industrial conditions all over the world. Servicemen are being returned to civilian life; War plants are closing down and discharging employees by thousands and thousands and during the period of readjustment we are swamped with those who have been most active but are now faced with idleness. There is an old proverb which says "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." Wehther this be true or not we do know that work is man's salvation and it behooves us to look forward during this period of rehabilitation. Nature's law is one of constant change and growth. The moon waxes and wanes; the tides ebb and flow; the pendulum swings to and fro. As the pendulum of life swings out so, logically it must swing back and the proper adjustments back to normalcy will result. However, in the meantime our cities are overflowing with people who have suddenly been dropped from positions where they worked at top speed; they have earned enormous salaries and many of them have accumulated quite a sum of money.

Will this money be squandered in a vain effort to escape from the reality of the conditions they are facing, or will they realize that this resting and waiting period can be employed in worthwhile study and research? In this way they may start out in some new adventure armed with the knowledge to carry on successfully.

Colleges are offering special courses; the government is ready to help these people and if they, in turn, are willing to leave the crowded cities and spread out where there is a chance to breathe more freely, they will find plenty of opportunities to learn about the different agricultural advantages this country has to offer.

Wonderful opportunities are opening up for raising chickens, turkeys, and rabbits right in our own community. Our Government disseminates information on the scientific raising of them for commercial purposes. This information is sent out in pamphlet form by the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture, Washington. D. C.

Now is the time for these idle people to prepare for the future. The time for them to get established in a business which will tide them over when the pendulum starts swinging the other way.

This "waiting" period that the whole world is experiencing is a natural condition which manifests itself in all forms of mineral, vegetable and animal life. It is part of the Law of Growth; the time when life in all its forms gathers enough energy to spurt forward with greater vigor. A study of plant life reveals this condition perhaps more simply than any other. Anyone who has ever planted a garden knows this is true. If, during the resting period the plant is nourished and fed it grows with vigor and blossoms, while if it is neglected and starved it does not respond and finally succumbs. Applied to man this same "Law of Growth" operates. If he neglects to provide for this apparently dormant period; or, if he squanders his energy instead of storing it he will not have enough to carry him over. But if he makes use of his idle time to educate himself and has enough vision to see the opportunities which are opening up around him, then he, like the plant, will gain in strength and vigor and become a happy, useful and successful individual.

Old Zak Says - - - -

down little morengo way
2/26/46

deer editor & esteemed fren:

guess whut? run acrost a **JOSHUA JOURNAL** tother day fur the fust time. lady on a trolly wuz reedin it & she seen me gawpin so she ups & gives it 2 me. red it from kiver 2 kiver includin the ads & ef a body ast me its a lallapaloosa fur desert news maid me home sick. keep up the good work alice yer doin alrite & afore ye know it ye'll be a fustrate desert rat yerself & callin ye a desert rat aint castin no sparograss neether cuz taint everybudy kin be a good won. wuz i plum bowled over 2 reed you wuz spectin me up 2 the town o JOSHUA TREE. leeping lizards i sez my old pals harris & dayton aint the only one blankit jackass prospectors kin git into print.

this here L. A. smoke & no vacancy signs wus gittin me down cuz i'm used to breathin a hull square mile o good desert air. sure calls fur plenty o intestinal fortitood 2 live in a city atakin yur life in yur hands dodgin the dingdonged autos. time wuz wen they did a leetle gold minin down indio way so i decides to vamoose. sez i to myself zak jest lets us drift over & take a gander at won old shaft we knowed sum time back & find out why she shut down. gut sidetraked at a couple o them date farms. thot i'd combine bizness with rubberin & drum up a ad fur your paper & there i wuz ablatherin bout the J. J. & found they didnt crave no advertizin. not cuz they wuz 2 meen to spend the mazuma only they jest didnt hev the stuff this year to meat there reg'lar customers orders.

taint generlly knowd i rekon how them trees'll gobble up all the water ye kin give em to there feet only they sure be onery bout havin any on there haids. seems like thet moist spell back in july-aug. spoiled bout 90 pct. o' the crup i wuz tolt. sure wuz a site fur sore eyes, all them big fether dusters with little ladders hitched on arunnin up there sides & astandin mile after mile like soljers at eeze on a parade ground. they telled me won gent date tree kin play sugar daddy to 48 wives. betcha didnt know them danged things practiced plurality long afore b. young wuz ever hearn tell ov. reg'lar mormons they be & ef a oldmade date tree dont git no gent pollin she'll lay down on the job. ahatchin out sum runty scrub froot thet aint sweet & even the hogs wood turn there noses up at. seen a 21 year old mamma date tree with 4 generashuns sproutin off her & that made her a grate grate grandma how bout thet. beets all whut a feller called burbank done bout givin nature the old runaround. 2 diferent places i seen grated sour orange trees producin 8 kinds o citris froot. guess thets bout all i kin ritly bring 2 mind since this aint no danged novel i'm atryin to rite. them trees is may wests ye gotta go up an see them sometime.

no i aint prospectin no more fur gold alice cuz whut the hecks the use? fast as a feller finds any them smart gov'ment galoots bury it again in sum place called fort nox. ef ye reely want 2 heer bout the daze a desert rat could dig it up & weer a hunk on his watch chain or any toher old place he tuk a notion 'sides his teeth i kin tell ye aplenty & make yer haid swim.

i mind me bout the time i wuz to ledvill & saved old taber a lotta dough & didnt git so much as a thankee fur it. went in the eldorado fur the usual night cap o white mule & long cums a couple o' meen side winders purty well kited & alaffin there haids off. there tongues ahangin in the middle & aflappin at both ends bout a mine they'd jest salted. they paid me no mind cuz i'm a crazy lookin galoot anyways so i gut a earful. seems like they'd scratched out a big hole & tuk there long barrelled maryanns & squired sum vergin ore down it. taber fell hook line & sinker only he didn't pay nothin like whut those 2 hornswogglers ast fur the claim after i wized him up 2 whut wuz going on. thet geezer wuz always a fool in luck wen it cum to hunches & dogged ef he didnt run the shaft to 300 feet & find a hull mountain o the real mccoy & the joke wuz on sumbudy else.

now i ainta goin 2 polagize fur not gittin up sooner to see ye cuz i aim 2 take in all the sites long the way. wuz a mite put out bout missin ye Mom's birthday shindig specially wen i hearn tell sum city folks cum up & tuk movie pichers all over the place unerstan fren Minnie wuz 84 years young & had the onor ov being lected the official mother o' yer fair town on account ov shes the oldest livin lady there. me & her & you kin chaw the rag aplenty bout the old times back in little rhody won ov these daze. tell chet bunker to git redy fur sum tall yarn swappin & dollars to donuts old zachariah ebenezer prescott wins hands down. say howdy to the folks & hold the fort til i see ye.

yer obedeant servant
plane zak to ye

p. s. aint no grate shakes at school larnin hope ye kin make out all this fancy lingo 'thout bein as wore out as i be riting it.

SPECIAL MEETING

Rev. P. J. O'Dowd of the Blessed Sacrament Church in 29 Palms will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Kasal on Monday, March 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. O'Dowd is anxious to meet the Catholics in Joshua Tree and vicinity and has arranged to hold this meeting so that he may get acquainted with them. With Easter approaching and confirmation for the children in April he feels that this is a good opportunity to reach all interested and he is looking forward to meeting all in our neighborhood who profess the Catholic Faith.

TECHNOCRACY MEETING

The Technocracy meeting held last week at the Club House was very well attended and it looked as if there was enough interest in the subject to form a study class here similar to the one held in 29 Palms.

Mrs. Decey Pingle states that if a class is formed it will probably meet in one of the member's homes. The classes are free and anyone interested is welcome.

Unfortunately there was electric current to show the Rose Tournament Pictures, but Mrs. Pingle says that if enough are interested, they will bring them out as soon as we have the power. The pictures are in technicolor.

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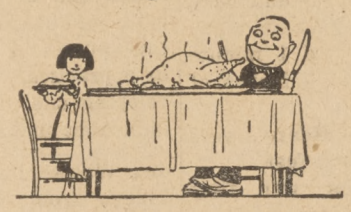

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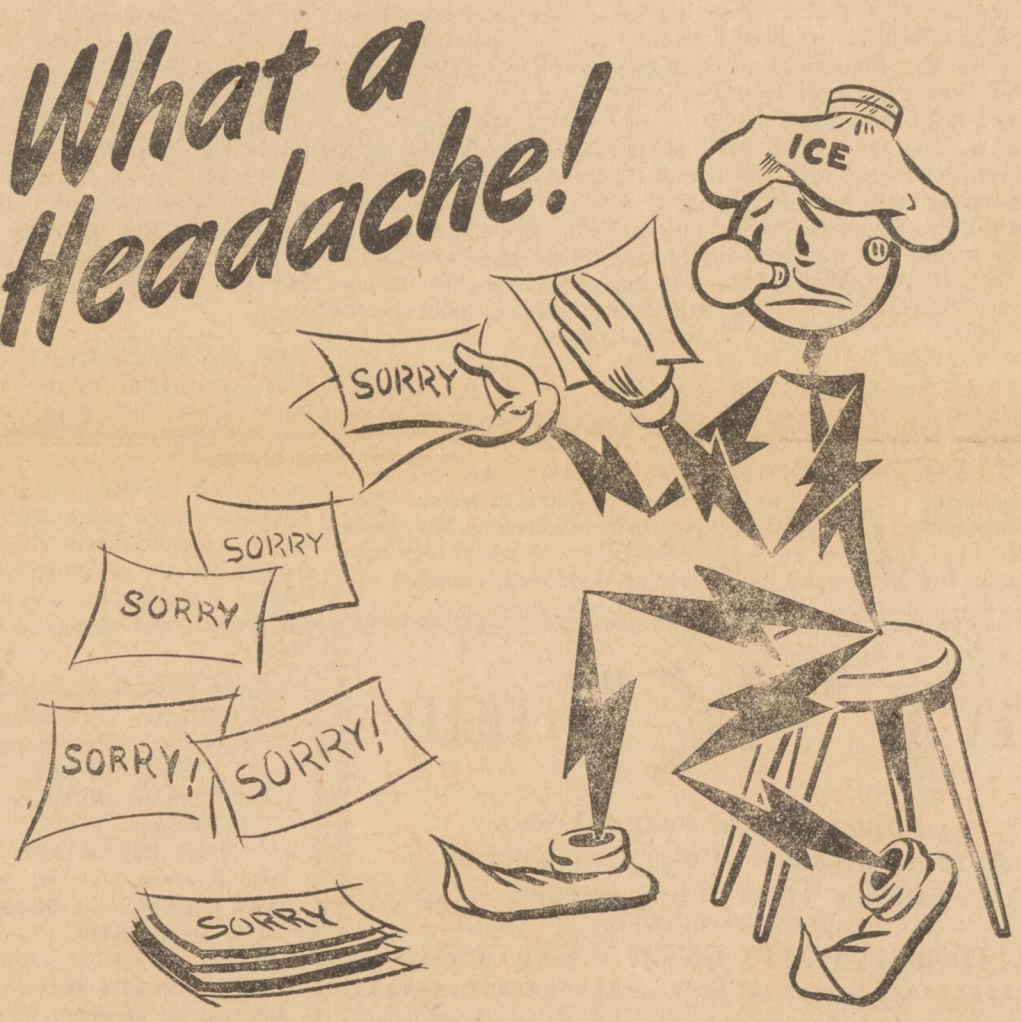

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By REDDY KILOWATT

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Yucca Valley

The Yucca Valley Woman's Club is erecting a new building near the school house in which to hold their meetings, entertainments and dances.

On Thursday night, February 21, Mrs. Celesta Hollinger held a benefit card party at her home, the proceeds of which are to go in the Club building fund. There was a large attendance and all the Valley towns were well represented.

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By DOLORES WILSON

Mystery fans, especially if they happen to be a little superstitious, will get a big kick, as well as a few thrills and chills, from one of the mystery stories brought into the Joshua Tree Lending Library, this week. It is "The Curse of the Bronze Lamp" by Carter Dickson.

Lady Helen Loring, member of an archeological expedition, received a bronze lamp, tiny, mysterious, and thousands of years old, as a gift from the Egyptian Government, and was determined to return to England with it, in spite of the superstition that anyone who left the country with it would be destroyed. She laughed at superstitions—as did her friends. They did not laugh, however, when a week later, upon reaching England, she disappeared, practically, from under their very eyes. And, when several days after this, her father disappeared in the same manner ,they were doing no less than shuddering. It began to look as though the curse were really at work, and that one of them might be next, when the whole thing is solved, and the hocus pocus itself blown to bits, by old, snorting Sir Henry Merrivale.

But, old "H.M.," as he was called, does more than solve the mystery, By his erratic actions, and sly heckling of the Scotland yard detective, he lends a good many laughs to the story, and a great deal of relief to the horror of the gloomy old castle in which the crimes take place.

And if "gloomy old castle" makes you think of trap doors, forget it, there weren't any!

Our branch of the County Free Library circulated 201 books in January as compared with 213 in December and 185 in November. This library is fairly new, having been started in October, 1945, and our circulation is considered very good for a community of this size.

Morongo Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Gervis Kesten, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones and daughter, Dona, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fuller were weekend guests at Bobo's Ranch. The Kestens were ujst recently married and have come to live in Morongo Valley, making their temporary residence at Lester Bobo's.

Tena Bobo celebrated her 12th birthday with a party given at her home on February 15. Ten youngsters attended from the various valleys. They were Terry Stokes, Barbara Sullivan, Patsy Scott, Phillip Scott, Dale Weston, Sue McKinsey, Ruth, Charlotte and David McCracken. The decorations and refreshments were in keeping with the Valentine Day spirit.

The new Morongo Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting Friday evening at the Morongo Inn for the purpose of formulating plans and by-laws, etc., for the proper operation of the Chamber.

D. F. Geil, President, presided. The Secretary, Mrs. Sam Hoffman, was absent, having left recently on a business trip to Iowa. Mrs. Arnold acted as secretary. The local Chamber of Commerce, with the full cooperation and support of everyone in the valley, will accomplish many needed and worthwhile things. Let's all get behind it and help to put Morongo on the map in a big way.

The Morongo Social Club will meet at the home of Mrs. H. M. Hess Thursday, March 7, at which time the newly nominated officers will be installed.

The Bingo party, given recently at the Morongo Inn, was an enjoyable event. A nice crowd was present, and at the close of the evening light refreshments were served by the ladies of the Club.

The Morongo Park is coming along nicely. Mr. Woodward leveled it in good style. The metal post and 4 ft. fencing, to help keep out the stock and rabbits, has been purchased by the club and is on the ground awaiting some kind friends of the club to come along and put them in place. Mr. W. L. McClung, welder of Yucca Valley, is welding the braces on the corner and gateposts, which were donated by Mr. Hess. Many trees and shrubs are in the Joe Carmon inclosure, waiting and anxious to be put in their proper places in the Park, so that they can start growing. Mr. Ross Dodd has kindly offered to bring down his cement mixer and assist in setting the posts. The time is geting late and the trees need to be in the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Arnold had as guests last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jones of Huntington Park. The Jones have acquired a lease on five acres here on which to build a home. Mr. Jones, a noted army air pilot during the war, flew a transport command over India and China and forty times over the Burma Road. Recently he has been flying a transport bringing servicemen home.

Mr. D. D. Murphy is able to be around some now. He is recovering from a two weeks siege with intestinal flu. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy report they have sold one of their business lots to Mr. George Stingle, who plans to build on it in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Crawford, just couldn't stay away from Morongo six months. They returned home recently from a three month's sojourn to South Carolina, where they visited relatives. Mrs. Crawford's sister with whom they spent most of their visit, returned here with them and has been ill most of the time since arriving here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hess have had as guests, Mrs. Hess' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Gummerson and daughter, Marie, and son, Carol, of Rupert, Idaho, who returned home last week. This week, another sister of Mrs. Hess', Mrs. Lena Harris of Hailey, Idaho, came, accompanied by Mr. Edward Gibbons and Miss Rose Murphy, also of Hailey. Mrs. Harris will stay a month or more.

New residents in Morongo are Marvin and Bob Ulrich of Los Angeles, also, Anton Terp, who has opened a beer parlor in temporary quarters in his double garage, back of the store building now under construction. Mr. Terp plans to have a very nice place when completed. The building is to be of concrete hollow tile blocks with plate glass and glass block front. The Ulrich boys are assisting him on the building.

Mrs. Dorothy Keeney of Palm Springs has sold her acre on the Hess tract to Mr. and Mrs. Roy of Palm Springs, who plan to build here in the near future.

The large cement block garage of Harvey Steffenson is nearing completion. The tile roof will soon be in place and the building equipped to handle automobile servicing of all kinds. Sam Hoffman has leased it along with the Shell Service Station. An air compressor has been installed to hoist cars for lubricating. Mrs. Hoffman plans to put in a parts department also, and run a first class repair department.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coffin of Elgin, Oklahoma, arrived in their house trailer last week and are now the guests of Zeke Coffin and Larry Gray. Chas. Coffin has owned and operated a garage in Elgin for many years, but claims he is so enchanted with the desert country and the opportunities here that he is looking forward to buying property and locating in Joshua Tree.

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WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

More than 65 enthusiastic Bingo players attended the party given by the Joshua Tree Woman's Club at the home of Jeff Overbay last Friday night.

Mrs. Ruby May, Ways and Means Chairman, was well enough to be out although she has not entirely recovered from her recent illness. Juanita Wagner, who "took over" for Ruby, says that the party was a success because every Club member cooperated and did everything to make it so.

Mrs. Lloyd Wiser called the numbers.

Inez Stoffel and Mrs. Phil Wilson were at the door.

Mrs. G. A. Ojala, one of the new members, took charge of the refreshments; assisting Mrs. Ojala were Mesdames Overbay, Beard, Wilson, Stoffel and Lyday.

The proceeds are to be used for purchase of equipment for parties given by either the Women's Club or the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester R. Bunker and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haynes cames directly from Los Angeles to the party but arrived too late for the Bingo game.

Mrs. Charles Cotton was the guest of honor at the Stork Shower given by Mrs. G. A. Ojala last Wednesday afternoon.

Among the guests were Mrs. Joe Kasal, Mrs. Joe Wagner, Mrs. G. W. Beard, Mrs. W. T. Beard, Mrs. Bob Mims, Mrs. Laughlin and daughter, Barbara, Mrs. Chas. Mitchell, Mrs. Bud Lyday, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Milo T. Crane and Mrs. Milo W. Crane, all of Joshua Tree; and Mrs. Al Cressy of Warren's Wells.

Mrs. Cotton was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Mrs. Laughlin, Barbara Laughlin and Mrs. Cressy assisted the hostess in serving the refreshments.

EIGHTY FOUR YEARS YOUNG

Last Monday, February 25, Mrs. James Gummerson reached milestone 84 in her life. She started celebrating on Sunday with a dinner served on the patio at Rockhaven. The weather man had been tipped off and he furnished an ideal summer day. Mrs. Barbara Moody planned the Sunday dinner as the guests included Los Angeles people who could not get away from business during the week. Blanche Terry and neice Miss Evelyn Dailey, together with Geo. Nylander arrived in Joshua Tree about midnight Saturday loaded down with Birthday cakes (2 of them) and all that goes with a celebration of this sort.

On Monday, her real birthday, Mrs. Gummerson got all dressed up in her best bib and tucker prepared to make a day of it.

Mr. M. H. Bibbins called for her and brought her to the Journal office where she was joined by her daughter Alice and all three headed for 29 Palms for a Lobster Dinner. For weeks Mrs. Gummerson has been wishing she could celebrate her birthday in the East where she could have broiled lobster. Patolie of 29 Palms specializes in Lobster Dinners each Sunday and fortunately were able to prepare one for her on Monday. It was saved as a surprise and there are no words adequate to describe the way her face lighted up when she saw that lobster on the plate. She felt sure she was dreaming as "lobster" on the desert seemed to her an impossibility. By-the-way, this is an excellent place to eat. The atmosphere is all one could ask and the food excellent. The two young ladies who run it, Pat McComb and Tolie Bobbitt, are doing such a big business they are now building an addition. The furnishings are in keeping with the desert and the service equals that of any metropolitan place of its kind.

Personal

Mr. G. W. Bisbee called at the Journal Office last Saturday and brought us a box of tangerines from his place in Ontario, Calif. It doesn't seem possible that he could look so well affer such a serious illness but he gives Joshua Tree quite a bit of credit. He took out a membership in the Ambulance Association, subscribed for our paper, and brought in an article clipped from the Feb. 18 issue of the Pomona Progress bulletin which gives quite a boost to our town. The editor, A. T. Richardson, is a brother-in-law of Henry Wilson one of our residents and it was on a recent visit with the Wilsons that he was inspired to write such a nice article about Joshua Tree. Mr. Richardson is an old friend of Mr. Bisbee's.

Mrs. Rita Cavanaugh is spending her second week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Krumcke. Last week her husband, Clyde Cavanaugh also visited here.

Emmanuel Capp of Los Angeles stopped over in Joshua Tree for a visit with Dr. Anne Stewart.

Mr. Capp has been spending two months with his niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Merrill, who are interested in the Duquesna mine at Patagonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox attended a minerology exhibit at Blythe last week and while they were gone Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buzzard and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nichols, friends from Arcadia, called on them. Unfortunately they missed them. Mr. and Mrs. Buzzard and Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were interested in looking over property here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kascal and children spent last Friday at 'Foxes Den.'

T. A. Peterson, who came up last weekend for a short vacation, called at the JOURNAL office and spoke about the beauty of the countryside. He particularly mentioned the fruit trees which were in bloom all along the route from Pasadena. Many of the desert flowers are commencing to show color, particularly the sand verbena which looks like a lavender carpet at different places along the highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Hart of Altadena arrived last Friday for the weekend and are camping on their property here. They were here making plans to build in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. James White of Los Angeles spent last weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Wheeler and daughter Barbara were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox last Saturday. Mr. Wheeler is Commander of the American Legion in Arcadia.

TWO MORE HOMES STARTED

Construction of 2 new homes is now under way on Sunburst Circle. Herald Pappendick and Elmer Tonkinson from San Bernardino have come here to live and are hustling to get their homes built so that they can bring their wives and families. Both Mr. Pappendick and Mr. Tonkinson are life long friends of Larry Gray and Zeke Coffin.

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First Tuesday of each month 8 p.m. Yucca Valley Post 468 American Legion at Legion Hall, Yucca Valley.

First Friday of each month 2:30 p.m. Board meeting of Joshua Tree Women's Club. Watch bulletin board for meeting place.

Second Saturday of each month 8 p.m. Chamber of Commerce meeting. Board meeting 7 p.m. same night. Watch bulletin board for place of meetings.

Third Friday of each month 2:30 p.m. Joshua Tree Women's Club meeting at Club House, Joshua Tree.

Every Saturday night, dance at Yucca Valley School House, sponsored by Yucca Valley Women's Club.

Know Your Neighbor

Mr. and Mrs. Harper L. Hale, who own property not far from the Lloyd Wiser's, have been coming out to the desert for the past nine years and we think it is about time for you to get acquainted with them, as they are really pioneers in this section.

Mrs. Hale was christened, Ray Lenore Dunham. She was born in Dunham, Oregon, and lived there until she was four years old. Her father was a sea captain and her mother accompanied him on many of his trips. Most of Mrs. Hale's early life was spent at sea, and her schooling was under private tutors. Her interests were along musical lines and she graduated from the College of the Pacific at San Jose, California. After her graduation she became Oregon State teacher of music, a position she held for fifteen years.

During her teaching years, she had a studio in the same building as the music store, owned by Harper L. Hale. Her cousin introduced her to Mr. Hale and they saw much of each other. They found they had so many interests in common that it became a very natural thing for them to find themselves in love, and later married.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale have two daughters, Donna Ray and Patricia Lenore.

The older daughter, Donna Ray, is married to the well - known writer, Sherman Nagel, who has had several books published, among them are such well-known ones as "Ah Sin" and "The Persian." At present, Mr. and Mrs. Nagel are in Las Vegas getting a bit of local color for a new book. Donna was a former newspaper woman and is of great help to her husband in gathering material for his books.

The younger daughter, Patricia Lenore, is at present visiting her sister and brother-in-law in Las Vegas and while there is doing their typing.

Mrs. Hale says they all like the desert and in spite of the fact that they came out here nine years ago they are still pioneers and roughing it as it is such a refreshing change from life in the city. Their permanent home is in Downey, California.

Don and Paul Marble are newcomers with the Joshua Tree Electrical Shop. They are sons of Hugh Marble, co-owner with E. A. Greaves. Don and Paul are both ex-servicemen, formerly in the Army Air Corps in the India, Burma and China theatres of war.

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